

19 March 1976

NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

This is an item you might wish to discuss briefly at today's CFI meeting.

Deputy Secretary Ingersoll of State wrote you on 16 March asking that you ensure that State has "an opportunity to participate actively" in the staffing of the CFI and as a member of relevant CFI subcommittees.

Basis for the letter is State's concern that the task force redrafting the NSCIDs is composed only of one representative each of the CFI members, plus an ICS chairman. The chairman has, however, informally dealt in representatives of State, Treasury, FBI and ERDA and obtained comments on the NSCID drafts.

Attached are a copy of Mr. Ingersoll's letter and a proposed reply for your signature.

Since this involves the way in which the CFI will be conducting its business, it is suggested you briefly review Mr. Ingersoll's letter and the proposed response with the other CFI members.

E. H. Knoche

Attachments:
as stated

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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Dear Bob:

Your comments concerning participation of the Department of State in certain of the activities of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence, as expressed in your letter of 16 March, are well taken and greatly appreciated.

As you are aware, the CFI is expected to be primarily a resource and resource-issue oriented committee.

The CFI also will be dealing with policy matters and the setting of priorities, and I recognize that in these areas the State Department will have important contributions to make.

While staff support for the CFI is being provided by the Intelligence Community Staff, much of the staff work will involve the use of ad hoc committees and task groups made up of representatives from various parts of the Intelligence Community.

I assure you that in those problem areas where State has a contribution to make, full consideration will be given to the inclusion of State representatives in the preparation of position papers and recommendations for CFI action.

Sincerely,

George Bush

The Honorable Robert S. Ingersoll
Deputy Secretary
Department of State

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 16, 1976

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Dear George:

As the reorganization of the intelligence community under E.O. 11905 begins to take shape, I thought it would be useful to write to you about State's desire to play a significant role in the activities under the aegis of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence (CFI). Although the President decided to limit the Committee itself to just three members, the Executive Order does allow for the expression of views by other agencies through both an appeals procedure and participation in the sub-committees that will be established.

The issues the CFI will be dealing with, ranging from the targeting and conduct of clandestine collection programs to negotiations for base and operating rights for collection facilities abroad, obviously involve considerable foreign policy interest and sensitivity. There will be a number of issues on which the State Department should have a great deal to contribute. I hope you will ensure that the Department has an opportunity to participate actively in the staffing of the Committee and is a member of the relevant sub-committees set up to deal with these issues.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Ingersoll

The Honorable
George H. Bush,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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